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Wylie Boasts Sixth Largest Little League Program in the World

Wylie, TX, May 2, 2013 – The City of Wylie and the Wylie Youth Baseball Association (WYBA) are proud to be named the sixth largest Little League program in the United States and throughout the world. More than 1,200 boys and girls age 5-18 play baseball and softball on Wylie fields annually. The City was notified of their top six ranking, based on 2012 participation numbers, in a letter from Little League received by Lance Wallace, WYBA President.

“The size and success of our Little League program is a testament to the hard work of the Wylie Youth Baseball Softball Association, Parks and Recreation Department and the vision of City leadership,” says Mayor Eric Hogue. “We are proud to offer top notch recreation opportunities and facilities to our residents and surrounding neighbors that match our high quality of life in Wylie.”

“What an unbelievable honor it is for Wylie to be recognized throughout the world by such a prestigious and known organization (Little League),” says Lance Wallace, WYBA President. “I am still in shock after opening the letter from the Little League headquarters notifying us of our standing.”

Little League reports that in 2012 more than 2.4 million children played Little League baseball and softball on 200,000 teams, in 7,000 chartered Little League programs found in all 50 states and 80 countries throughout the world. Little League is the world’s largest organized youth sports program.

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Over the past two years the City has invested more than \$6.3 million in Founders Park and Community Park to meet the needs of baseball, softball, soccer and football league participants. Founders Park added two new lighted baseball/softball fields, with upgrades to existing fields, including large shade structures, lighting, concessions and restrooms. Community Park upgrades provided a new plaza area in the baseball fourplex, with concessions and restrooms, along with drainage, grading, turf and irrigation improvements on the fields.

For more details on the WYBA go to www.wyliebaseball.org; for details on City of Wylie Parks and Recreation, please visit www.wylietexas.gov/parks. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Robert Diaz may be contacted by email, robert.diaz@wylietexas.gov, or by phone 972-516-6341.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.